



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 272

LCO No. 1520

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL SECURITY SUPPORT FOR FOSTER CHILDREN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) The placement plan of
2 a child in the care and custody of the Commissioner of Children and
3 Families shall include documentation whether the child is eligible for
4 benefits from the Social Security Administration, including, but not
5 limited to, supplemental security income, survivor and disabled adult
6 child benefits.

7 (b) The department shall complete and submit an application for
8 Supplemental Security Income for any eligible child in its care and
9 custody. The department shall appeal the denial of an application, if
10 applicable, and shall maintain and respond to correspondence
11 regarding the application and any forthcoming benefits.

12 (c) For any child that has reached the age of seventeen, the
13 department shall: (1) Determine whether the child will require a
14 representative payee to assist in managing the child's Social Security
15 benefits, (2) if said child requires a representative payee, identify an

16 appropriate representative payee who shall comply with the
17 representative payee responsibilities set forth in 20 CFR 404.2035, as
18 amended from time to time, and (3) if the child does not require a
19 representative payee, provide the following assistance to the child
20 which may include, but is not limited to, educating the child about (A)
21 maintaining their eligibility with the Social Security Administration,
22 and (B) maintaining a bank account for purposes of electronic direct
23 deposit of Social Security payments.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To ensure all children in foster care are screened for their eligibility for federal Social Security benefits, to require the Department of Children and Families to apply for Supplemental Security Income on behalf of a child in its care and custody, and to require the department to determine whether a child will require a representative payee.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]